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Project Proposal Memorandum

To: Chief, Reports Division

Date: 7 February 1952

From: Chief, Materials Division

1. Title of Proposed Project: Some Implications with Respect to US Security Interests of the 1951-52 Small Grain Crop Failure in Argentina
2. Statement of Project

Problem: To determine the implications, with respect to the security interests of the United States, of the extraordinarily bad harvest in Argentina of wheat, rye, oats, and barley.

Sector: The project will examine the past importance of Argentina as a grain exporter, primarily during the postwar period, and consider which importing countries would be most affected by a diminution of Argentine exports. Consideration will then be given to probable Argentine grain export capabilities in 1952 and possible alternative courses of action available to importing countries previously dependent to some extent on Argentina as a supplier. Finally, the significance of this development as it affects the United States, particularly in the economic warfare field, will be examined.


3. Need for Project: Inasmuch as it is the policy of the US Government to withhold, and attempt to have our allies withhold, shipments of war-potential materials to the Soviet Bloc, a development, such as the Argentine crop failure, which may possibly jeopardize this policy, appears to deserve careful appraisal.

4. Cooperation Desired from Other Divisions of ORR:

Graphics or Maps:

5. Other Sources and Facilities to be Exploited:

6. External Research to be Required (if any):

7. Responsible Branch: Agriculture Responsible Analyst: 

8. Estimated Man-hours Required to Complete Project

Producing Division:

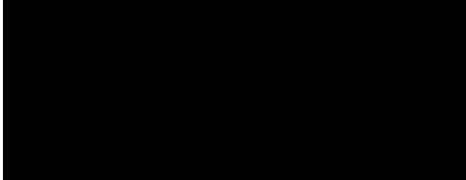
Cooperating ORR Divisions:

9. Probable Completion Date: 13 February 1952

10. Probable Form of Final Publication:  
(Formal Report, ILL, PR, IP, MP, M, MR, other)

11. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report:

12. Comments:

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